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SUBJECT: EC-TURKISH ASSOCIATION COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 16:

HIGHLIGHTS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 8255

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE EC-TURKISH ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MET IN BRUSSELS ON SEPTEMBER 16 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL. (THE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE TO THE SIDE OF THE FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN REPORTED REFTEL.) IN ADDITION TO SURVEYING PROGRESS UNDER THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE TURKISH SIDE, INCLUDING SOCIAL SECURITY TREATMENT OF TURKISH WORKERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, AND THE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS. BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE EC. THE EC INFORMED TURKEY OF ITS DECISION TO GRANT APPROXIMATELY 117,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT WORTH OF EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AID (MILK POWDER, AND BUTTER) AND TO EXTEND A CREDIT WORTH 100,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE EC-TURKISH ASSOCIATION COUNCIL WHICH MET IN

BRUSSELS ON SEPTEMBER 16 PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED ONLY THOSE PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE TRUKS AND ALL MATERS WERE REFERRED TO THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY. AS IS STANDARD PROCEDURE, ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR, AS EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT, SPOKE FOR THE COMMUNITY IN THE PRESENCE OF OTHER EC FOREIGN MINISTERS (OR THEIR STAND-INS) AND THE EC PERM REPS.

3. LABOR PROBLEMS: TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL RAISED THE PROBLEM OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 390 F THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY TREATMENT FOR TURKISH WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY. THE COUNCIL NOTED WITH STISFACTION THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE IN THIS SECTOR AND URGED THAT THE EFFORT TOWARD HARMONIZATION CONTINUE. THE TURKS ALSO RAISED WITH THE EC THEIR DESIRES TO SPEED UP THE TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 36 OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS BETWEEN THE EC AND TURKEY. RUMOR, RESPONDING FOR THE EC, ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH TURKEY PLACED ON THIS SUBJECT AND PLEDGED THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY IN THIS REGARD.

4. TURKISH BALANCE OF TRADE WITH EC: AFTER REVIEWING THE GENERAL STATE OF PROGRESS ACHIEVE UNDER THE EC-TURKISH ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, THE MINISTERS DECIDED TO ASSIGN TO THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING A DRAFT REPORT ON THE GROWING DEFICIT IN TURKEY'S BALANCEOF TRADE WITH THE EC AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM.

5. EFFECT ON TURKEY OF GREEK ASSOCIATION: THE COUNCIL ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE PROCEDURES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 56 OF THE PROTOCOL, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT TURKISH INTERESTS IN COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS ON GREEK ASSOCIATION. RUMOR REASSURED CAGLAYANGIL THAT TURKISH INTERESTS WOULD NOT SUFFER AS A RESULT OF THE GREEK APPLICATION FOR EC MEMBERSHIP. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. EC DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY: THE EC MINISTERS TOLD CAGLAYANGIL OF THEIR DECISION TO GRANT DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IN AN EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING CAUSED BY THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES. THE EC WILL IMMEDIATELY DONATE 100 TONS OF MILK POWDER AND 50 TONS OF BUTTER WITH AN APPROXIMATE VALUE OF 117,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT. IN ADDITION, THE

EC WILL OPEN A 100,000 UNIT OF ACCOUNT LINE OF CREDIT
FOR THE CENTRAL BANK OF TURKEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF
MEDICAL SUPPLIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TRANSPORTATION
FOR THESE ARTICLES HAS BEEN ARAANGED FREE OF
CHARGE BY TURKISH AIRLINES AND THAT SHIPMENTS ARE
EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 18. IN ADDITION, THE
DUTCH ANNOUNCED THEIR DECISION TO GRANT 100,000
FLORINS WORTH OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.
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